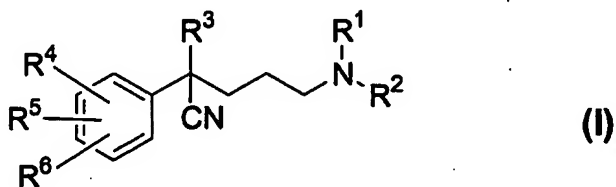


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A hair growth promoting composition comprising, as an effective ingredient, a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I):

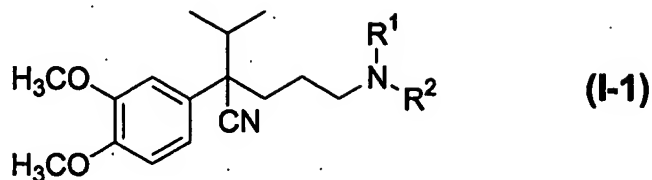


wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom, a C_{1-10} alkyl group, a C_{2-10} alkenyl group or C_{2-10} acyl group, or NR^1R^2 may be a heterocycle having 3-7 members;

R^3 is a C_{1-5} alkyl group; and

each of R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkoxy group.

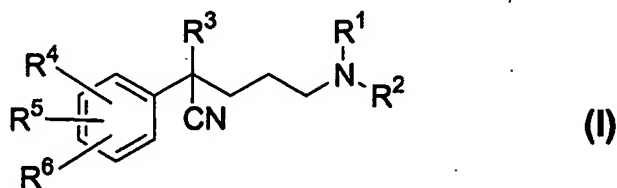
Claim 2 (original): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 1, wherein said phenylacetonitrile derivative is expressed by the following Formula (I-1):



wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined in said Formula (I).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein one of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and the other is an alkyl group.

Claim 4 (original): An external preparation for skin comprising a phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I):

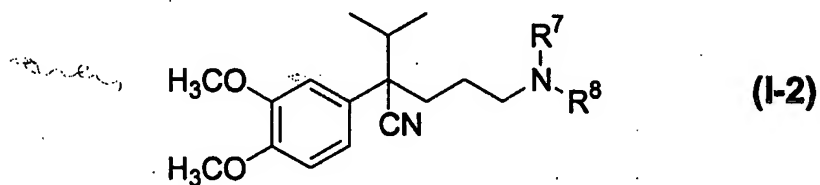


wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom, a C_{1-10} alkyl group, a C_{2-10} alkenyl group or C_{2-10} acyl group, or NR^1R^2 may be a heterocycle having 3-7 members;

R^3 is a C_{1-5} alkyl group; and

each of R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkoxy group.

Claim 5 (original): A phenylacetonitrile derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by the following Formula (I-2):



wherein each of R^7 and R^8 is hydrogen atom, a C_{1-5} alkyl group or a C_{2-5} alkenyl group, or NR^7R^8 may be a nonaromatic heterocycle having 3-7 members containing one nitrogen atom or an aromatic heterocycle having 5-7 members containing 1-3 nitrogen atoms, and wherein when one of R^7 and R^8 is hydrogen atom or methyl group, the other is C_{2-5} alkyl group or C_{2-5} alkenyl group.

Claim 6 (presently amended): A method for promoting hair growth, which comprises applying an effective amount of the phenylacetonitrile derivative or the pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof expressed by said Formula (I) of claim 1 on skin of mammals.

Claim 7 (original): A method for promoting hair growth according to claim 6, wherein the skin of mammals is human scalp.

Claim 8 (new): The hair growth promoting composition according to claim 2, wherein one of R^1 and R^2 is hydrogen atom or an alkyl group and the other is an alkyl group.